

A PLUCKY BANK CASHIER.

HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE WITH A BURGLAR.

A Jealous Wife's Revenge--Concubine Assassination--Murderer Hanged.

REVEREND, IND., February 26.—Wiehen Warten was hanged here this morning for murder. A large crowd gathered in the town to witness the execution, and it was conducted in the presence of over 1000 people, some of whom were permitted to see Warten while he lay in his trap previous to the hour fixed. Warten was executed to the scaffold at 11:40 o'clock, and when on the trap delivered a wild harangue, partly in broken English and partly in Holland Dutch, declaring his innocence of the crime charged him, and calling upon God to have mercy on his accusers. At 11:52 o'clock the trap was sprung and the body was allowed to hang until 12:25 o'clock p.m., when it was cut down. His neck was broken by the fall. None of his relatives were present. Yesterday Warten was baptized in the Catholic faith.

The crime for which Warten was hanged was committed on the 20th of October, 1884. Warten came to this country from Holland a few years ago, and located near French Landing, on the Kankakee river. He procured food for himself, wife and four children by fishing in the river and doing odd jobs for neighbors. One of the neighbors was John Dregar, who owned a small farm and some cattle. Dregar lost his wife, but kept his home in the same condition as during his wife's lifetime, and assisted Warten, and sometimes boarded with him. On the 20th of October, 1884, one Brainard found the body of a man floating in the river. He immediately procured assistance, and the body was taken from the river; two iron pump-hands were found on the body, but they were not of sufficient weight to prevent the body, when decomposition sets in, from rising, or the crime might have forever remained a mystery. Warten persuaded Dregar to go to the river with him for fish. The iron pump-hands were made. The iron pump-hands were then securely fastened to the body and it was thrown into the river. Warten, immediately after the murder, took possession of all of Dregar's property, even his deceased wife's clothing, and claimed that he had bought all the property for \$375, paying for it with a check which he had received from the old country. He immediately after the discovery and identification of the body, Warten was arrested, and on November 4, 1884, he made a complete confession, and gave as his reasons that he was poor, and that his family was in debt, and that he desired to get for them. At the January term of the Jasper Circuit Court he entered a plea of guilty, and Judge Ward assessed the punishment at death, but upon appeal the Supreme Court reversed the case, and found that the judge should have called a jury to determine the punishment. At the October term, 1885, he filed a plea of insanity, but the jury found him to be of sound mind and guilty of murder in the first degree, and assessed his punishment at death.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE OF A BANK CASHIER WITH A BURGLAR.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., February 26.—Robert Smith, the cashier of the First National Bank of Albany, was yesterday morning had a desperate hand-to-hand struggle with a burglar. About 2 o'clock he heard an unusual noise in the rear of his house, and, rising from his bed, he started to investigate. He had passed through the dining-room door when he was struck over the head. He was down for a second only, and grappled with his assailant. A long and severe struggle in the dark followed. The dining table was overturned, furniture broken and crockery smashed, but Mr. Smith finally got the better of his antagonist, and with the aid of a servant bound him hand and foot. The neighbors were then aroused and the man was locked up. He wore a black mask and had a full set of burglar's tools. He said that his name was Frank C. Moore, and that he lived in Albany. It is supposed that his mission was to over-power Cashier Smith and compel him to give up the keys to the bank and disclose the combination of the safe. In his pocket was found a bottle of chloroform. Moore appears to be a desperate fellow, but it is thought that he is a professional bank burglar.

A YOUTHFUL BUT EXPERT BURGLAR.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Inspector considers Herbert Hephworth, aged seventeen years, arrested in Buffalo, N. Y., Tuesday last, one of the most expert burglars in the country. Hephworth was born in Leeds, England, but his parents were compelled to leave there four years ago on account of a crime their son had committed. They went to Toronto, Ont., where young Hephworth forged the name of an acquaintance named McLean and the Hephworth family were compelled to leave that city on account of the crimes of the youthful member. They came to Buffalo, N. Y., and young Hephworth promised reform, but instead he read dime novels and "flash" literature, and with the assistance conceived plans for further robberies. The papers here this morning contain long lists of cases that the boy has robbed and amounts he has stolen. He never takes anything but jewelry or cash, seemed always to pick out the case of the most fashionable people he visited as the proper one to receive his attentions. He has plundered the residences of some of the leading people of Staten Island, N. Y., New York, Williamsburg, Toronto, Ont., and, in fact, most of the cities of the East. He is known to have stolen over \$35,000 worth of property.

A VERY BAD MAN.

JOHN, Mo., February 26.—A man named Wm. Makepiece, Dunlap, Iowa, together with a son and two children, was arrested here today. The charges against him are embezzlement, stealing of horses and carrying off property. Makepiece was a practicing lawyer at Dunlap, and was the husband of a young lady, Mrs. Moir, having previously been a divorcee from his wife. He is now in the hands of the law, and his new wife to Dunlap, Iowa, returned to Dunlap and

eloped with Mrs. Donaldson. In doing so he appropriated a team of horses and carried off his mortgaged property, besides leaving several claims of clients in an unsettled condition. He went back this evening without a requisition, accompanied by the woman and two children.

Cowardly Assassination.

PIERCE CITY, Mo., February 26.—Robert Crockett, formerly a lieutenant in a Missouri regiment of volunteers, and for a long time a resident of this town, was assassinated about 11 o'clock last night, while on his way home, not over 150 yards from the court-house. The murdered man was beaten to death with a blunt instrument in the hands of some one unknown.

Looking for Absconding Employees.

CHICAGO, ILL., February 26.—N. K. Fairbank & Co. are busily engaged, through detectives, in looking for their junior book-keeper and collector, who are said to have absconded with about \$5000. The book-keeper was Frank Eldredge and the collector Lois Dendit. Both were married men and had been in the employ of the company for three or four years.

Youthful Forger Arrested.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., February 26.—A young man claiming to be from Denver, Col., and giving the name of John Morris, presented at the paying teller's window at the Mechanics' Bank, in this city, this morning, a check for \$1180 12 in his own favor, signed by D. S. H. Smith, the local treasurer of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. The signature of Mr. Smith excited the suspicions of the teller and he summoned a policeman, who took the young man to Mr. Smith's office, where the latter stated he had never seen Morris, and had never drawn a check in favor of any one of that name. The young man was taken to the police station, where he was held on the charge of attempting to procure money by false pretenses.

Murder in the Second Degree.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 26.—J. Kain, a noted character, on trial for the killing of John Wright, an offensive colored man, was convicted this afternoon of murder in the second degree. Kain, who was intoxicated, met Wright on the street, and mistaking him for another man with the same name, pulled his revolver and shot him dead. The penalty for murder in the second degree is twelve years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Supposed Wife Murderer Jailed.

CHICAGO, ILL., February 26.—Pat Smith of Stone City, near Anamosa, was arrested on suspicion of having murdered his wife, who was found dead in bed yesterday. He is in Anamosa jail.

ATTORNEY GENERAL B. J. LEA

A Leading Candidate for West Tennessee for the Supreme Bench.

RIPLEY NEWS. No gentleman in the Western division of the State is held in higher esteem, both as a man and a lawyer, than Col. Ben. J. Lea of Brownsville. His popularity, however, is not confined to his own section, but from conversation with gentlemen from the other divisions, we find that he has secured many friends and admirers in Middle and East Tennessee also. There is such a general opinion in the popular mind in West Tennessee in favor of Col. Lea, that it will lead no doubt to the people here making unanimous presentation of his name to the convention for a nomination to one of the Supreme Judgeships for the State. For ourselves, we hail the indication with delight and earnestly hope that the prognosis may be fulfilled. Col. Lea has passed his life in the study and practice of law, and has secured the most successful success. He is now at the ripe age of about fifty-five years, the period at which man's reason and discretion are most mature and powerful. At the beginning of the late war he organized and was elected colonel of the Ripley and Lincoln regiments, and served with distinction from beginning to the end of that memorable contest. When the present Supreme Court was organized, nearly eight years ago, he elected Col. Lea to fill the arduous and responsible position of Attorney-General and Reporter for the State, which position he still holds, having so far discharged his duties with singular fidelity and ability. Lea's Supreme Court Reports are not only the most voluminous, but perhaps the most accurate and best selected of any other series drawn from the decisions of the Supreme Court. He has been singularly happy in omitting cases from his reports which merely re-echoed the voice of the court in many similar preceding cases already reported, and he has embraced only those cases which adjudicated points not previously before the court for decision, at least not previously reported. His reports have deservedly taken high rank with the profession. We are very sure that the State could not possibly do herself a better service when she comes to choose her public servant than to elevate Attorney-General Lea to the Supreme bench.

HEMP AND FLAX SPINNERS.

Resolutions Adopted Against a Reduction of the Tariff.

CHICAGO, ILL., February 26.—At the session of the Flax and Hemp Spinners and Growers Association, to-day, the following resolutions were adopted: WHEREAS, Any reduction of the tariff on flax and hemp fibers, including yarn, manilla, sisal, flax and hemp would, in our opinion, be disastrous to these important industries, both agricultural and manufacturing, therefore be it

Resolved, By this convention, representing both producers and manufacturers, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be respectfully urged to oppose any such reduction, whether by direct legislation or indirectly by reciprocity, and that a memorial be prepared and forwarded to every Senator and member of Congress, and that we will individually urge the matter upon their attention.

The president was chosen to prepare a memorial, and the following committee was appointed to go to Washington: A. E. Turner, Jr., Boston, chairman; Henry D. Bennett, Dixon, Ill.; John T. Conkey, Dubuque, W. S. Benton, Minneapolis; W. J. Longbridge and A. S. Winston, Lexington, Ky.; Abram Bentley, New Brighton, Pa.; Wm. Barbour, Paterson, N. J.; and Wm. Allen, New York. The following officers were then elected: A. E. Turner, Jr., president; Wm. Allen, vice-president; Geo. H. Fort, treasurer; F. A. J. Smith, secretary.

The convention then adjourned.

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MISSISSIPPI LANDS.

THEIR SALABLE VALUE AND PRODUCTIVENESS.

A Contrast Worthy the Especial Attention of the Interstate Convention at Jackson, Tenn.

Louisville Courier Journal: Surprise was expressed in this column a few weeks since at the statement that river bottom lands in Mississippi that rented for \$8 to 10 an acre could be bought for 20 to 30 per acre. Since then an examination has been made of a pamphlet issued in 1883 by the United States Department of Agriculture, being special report by A. R. Hurt, special agent, on "Mississippi—Its Climate, Soil, Productions and Agricultural Capabilities," which fully confirms the statement. In this report a comparison of land in Mississippi with Illinois, Indiana and Iowa is made, which shows that the average of all kinds of land in Mississippi, including upland and river bottom, per acre is \$17 79, while the average crop value over the whole State is \$12 21 per acre. In Illinois the average land value is \$38 05, the average crop value per acre being \$7 81. In Indiana the average land value is \$45 66, the average crop value per acre being \$8 23. In Iowa the average land value is \$25 52, the average crop value per acre being \$6 85. These statistics are improved land only in each State. It appears from the above, says the report, that the price of lands, or their market value, in Mississippi bears no just proportion to their real intrinsic value. Lands that will average a money product of \$12 21 per acre should average a market value of at least \$50 per acre, especially in such a temperate, healthy climate. If Mississippi could double or treble its population by the addition of thrifty, industrious immigrants, possessed of some capital, the price of land would no doubt increase to something like a real value. This is now being accomplished, and it is given on the authority of the State Commissioner of Emigration that lands have advanced from 50 to 100 per cent. in the past two years. The average death rate in Mississippi is 12.89 in each 1000 of population. Since the date of the report, in 1883, the Mississippi Valley railroad has been built, which runs from Memphis, Tenn., to Vicksburg, Miss., and thence to New Orleans, and forms the great trunk line of the Huntington system between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. This railroad traverses the rich bottom lands forming the Yazoo delta. In shape the delta is ellipsoidal and the soil is composed of dark, rich alluvium deposited by the overflow of the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers. At its northern limit, commencing at the State line, the delta is about ten miles wide; thence following the Mississippi river southwardly it extends easterly to the Yazoo river and its tributaries; and running south it varies in width from thirty-six to sixty miles; then narrows until it terminates near Vicksburg, where the hills extend to the bank of the Mississippi river. This delta is the most fertile plain in the United States, and the annual overflow is now avoided by a perfect system of levees, built by taxing the cotton grown within the protected district. The plain comprises about 6250 square miles or 4,000,000 acres, of which only 500,000 acres, or one-eighth, is improved, and the remainder is covered with vast forests of valuable timber. Of the total 5,216,937 acres improved land in Mississippi, these 500,000 acres river bottom, mostly on the river, are credited with yielding 27 per cent. of the total crop value of \$22,844,915. That is, one-tenth of the acreage yields more than one-fourth of the annual crops in value. The railroad runs from fifteen to thirty miles from the Mississippi river, and hence the lands adjacent to the river. The report gives various tables showing from the crop expense accounts of planters in different portions of the State the cost of cotton production. The estimate of a planter in a Mississippi river county is condensed as follows: Basis, one acre; yield, 450 pounds lint.

Preparing land for seed.....\$2 50

Planting 1400 pounds seed cotton 7 50

Ginning and hauling.....1 75

Total cost 450 pounds lint cotton.....\$11 75

Product of one acre, one bale of 450 lbs. at 85.....\$38 25

Net on plantation.....\$26 50

950 lbs. cotton seed worth.....5 00

Total yield.....\$31 50

Deduct cost of production.....\$11 75

Net profit on one acre.....\$19 75

With such a result as this the tenant can well afford to pay \$10 an acre for cultivation by doing the work himself, and thus make \$10 per acre for working the crop and \$12 50 per acre profit on the crop over and above the rent.

The tenant's account can be stated thus:

Product from one acre in lint.....\$45 00

Deduct rent of land.....\$10 00

Deduct hire of mule.....5 00

plow and feed.....5 00—\$15 00

Net profit after paying rent of land, mule, plow, etc.....\$30 00

which sum is my compensation in lieu of wages. The above is a common result, but unfortunately the profits of the tenant are usually eaten up by the storekeepers who advance him supplies before the crop is made. Intelligent persons in the South represent that the greatest openings in the world for assured fortunes are there to be found. Beyond a question, land that will give such magnificent results as the foregoing calculation sets forth is a great speculation to buy at \$30 an acre, and even at double and treble that price.

A Word to Workers.

If your avocations are mentally or physically laborious, if they subject you to exposure in inclement weather, if they confine you to the desk, and see of a nature to involve wear and tear of brain and nervous strain you may occasionally require some renovating tonic. Hatcher's Stomach Bitters is the article for you; it stimulates the feeble energies, invigorates the body and cheers the mind. It enables the system to throw off the debilitating effects of undue fatigue, gives new vigor to the organs of digestion, soothes the liver, and restores which is very often in weak people whose pursuits are sedentary, restores the faded appetite, and ensures healthy action. The ingredients are safe, and its credentials, which consist in the hearty endorsement of persons of every class of society, are not overstatements. Admirably it is adapted to the medical wants of workers.

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R. H. BUSTICK, Cotton Buyer.

Macon, Ga.

Mr. A. H. Bramblett, Hardware Merchant, of Forsyth, Ga., writes:

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A. H. BRAMBLETT.

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